

REMARKS

This is a full and timely response to the election requirement in the Office Action dated September 23, 2004, for which one month was allotted for reply. Reexamination and reconsideration are respectfully requested.

Claim for Priority

It is noted with appreciation that the Action acknowledges receipt of the priority document in support of the claim for foreign priority.

Specification

The specification has been reviewed and minor changes made to address minor matter without the introduction of new matter.

Election/Restriction

In response to the pending Action requiring an election of invention, the Applicant, through its representatives and attorneys respectfully provisionally elects with traverse the invention of Group II, containing Claims 6-9, 13-17, and 19-21, drawn to a method of preparing an optical device, classified in class 430, subclass 321. Original claims 1-5, 10-12 and 18 are retained as withdrawn and may be subject to rejoinder under MPEP 821.04, or submission in one or more divisional applications as of right.

This requirement is respectfully traversed, solely to preserve the Applicant's rights to provide linking claims and/or combination claims commensurate with the elected claims, or to permit rejoinder when appropriate upon the allowance of any of the elected claim.

Respectfully submitted,

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